



2019 UH Road Warriors- "Back in Black" road game opener
Pacific Northwest Adventure Tour #2



September 9th-16th, 2019
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Its football Saturday at Husky Stadium nestled high above Union Bay on Lake Washington. Its trademark cantilever metal roof structure traps in sound, making the venue known for being one of the loudest stadiums in the nation. It is described as the "Greatest Setting in College Football".

Our Pacific Northwest Adventure Tour begins in Portland, Oregon's largest city. Whether you call it PDX, P-town, Stumptown, the City of Roses, Bridge City, or simply Portland, enjoy 2 nights and a complete free day in this vibrant city known for its eccentric locals, its dynamic downtown—resplendent with microbreweries, coffee shops, brunch spots, and book stores—and sweeping natural scenery that surrounds it, like the sparkling Willamette River and majestic Mount Hood.

Our tour complete with a local tour director begins with a visit to Mount St. Helens. 57 people perished when it erupted on May 18, 1980, in an explosion bigger than 1500 atomic bombs. The cataclysm began with an earthquake that sparked the biggest landslide in recorded history and buried 230 sq. miles of forest under millions of tons of volcanic rock and ash.

Our visit here today demonstrates how, over three decades on, nature has restored much life to the mountain, although the devastation wreaked by the explosion is still hauntingly evident.

From here, off to Olympia, Washington State's iconic state capital. Enjoy the evening exploring its downtown and beautiful setting on the Puget Sound.

Our 2nd day includes Snoqualmie Falls, one of Washington state's most popular scenic attractions, then onto Leavenworth, the "Bavarian Village" in the Cascade Mountains. We continue to Deception Falls where you'll have a chance to walk an easy trail in this gorgeous forest to enjoy breathtaking views of the fall. Along the drive enjoy the beauty of Stevens Pass, a mountain pass through the Cascade Mountains.

Once in Seattle, a quick photo stop at the Fremont Troll, a big, fearsome, car-crushing bruiser who took up residence under the north end of the Aurora bridge on Halloween 1990.

Our hale for this football weekender is at the Motif Seattle, the perfect spot for exploring downtown Seattle. Located on Fifth Avenue, you are just a short walk from Pikes Market and steps from great shopping and restaurants.

It's a fun filled weekend you won't want to miss. If you love sports, we have it all beginning with a Mariners baseball game on Friday night as they take on the Chicago White Sox in our private venue, the Hit it Here Terrace, along right field with outdoor terrace seating, food and beverages. Plus, its fireworks night here at Safeco Field!

Football Saturday begins with a pre-game UH Tailgate Party on the stadium grounds and then sit back among the 70,000 plus fans as we rally on our beloved Rainbow Warriors to victory.

Sunday, a complete free day to get out and explore on your own or maybe, just maybe the Seahawks are in town and you can make it a "hat trick" weekend.

Itinerary/Details

Day 1 – September 9th, 2019 Monday – Depart from Honolulu

Alaska Airlines #834 Departs Honolulu 11:35 am – Arrive Portland 8:17 pm

Please meet your Panda Travel representative at the Alaska Airlines check-in area, located in Terminal 2, a minimum of 2 hours prior to the flight departure time. The current checked bag fees are \$30 for the first bag and \$40 for a second. Additional bags are at \$100 each. The weight limitation is 50lbs.

On arrival at the Portland Airport, please make your way to the baggage claim area. Once everyone has claimed their bags, our charter bus will meet and take us to our hotel, Embassy Suites by Hilton Portland Downtown.

Our boutique-style hotel is in historic downtown Portland, the heart of the city, next to shops, restaurants, entertainment and more. Built in 1912, this hotel is also the only Embassy Suites by Hilton that is a member of Historic Hotels of America.

With our late evening arrival, a food option will be available. More details will be available as we get closer to the arrival date.

Accommodations: Embassy Suites by Hilton Downtown Portland  **Free**

Day 2 – September 10th, 2019 Tuesday – Portland (B)

This morning enjoy a “made to order” breakfast available from 6:30am. After breakfast, a complete free day to enjoy all that Portland has to offer.

Accommodations: Embassy Suites by Hilton Downtown Portland  **Free**

Day 3 – September 11th, 2019 Wednesday – Portland-Mt. Saint Helens-Olympia (B/L)

After a “made to order” breakfast at our hotel, please meet your Panda Travel escort in the lobby by 7:45am. This morning we will be welcoming our local guide who will be with us for these 2 touring days.

Our morning begins with a drive to Mount. St. Helens Silverlake Visitors Center. The drive time is approximately one hour.

Mt. Saint Helens, a national monument and active volcano, has a history dating back 40,000 years. She is one of 5 Washington State volcanoes. On May 18, 1980, the eruption brought this quiet mountain to the world's attention. You'll see the devastation caused by the 1980 eruption and the slow return of nature's flora.

On the way up to Mount St. Helen you cannot help and notice all the new growth which look so fresh and green. You will also see giant trees on the ground, but you can't always tell where they have come from or where their trunks are.

Take time to enjoy the beauty of this new growth all around, trees are rising to towards the sunlight and are taking the place of the fallen giants. This is one National Park you do not want to miss especially if you love volcanoes.

The Visitor Center itself is a handsome timber-accented structure, with vaulted ceilings, within a peaceful woodsy lake and wetlands setting. This unique building features expansive windows providing a glimpse of towering second-growth forest all around. A high archway and elaborately carved wooden columns contribute to the feeling of magnificence.

The center features walk-through interpretive exhibits and award-winning theater programs to educate the visitor on the tale of events that lead to the 1980 eruption. A walk-through volcano model is popular with folks of all ages. Duck beneath the cone for displays on the subterranean workings of the mountain.

Time out for lunch at the Fire Mountain Grill, close by. If the weather is nice, sit outside on their back porch offering a beautiful view of the Toutle River.

From here, we continue to Johnson Ridge Visitors Center, approximately 40 miles away. The observatory sits on a bluff just 5-1/2 miles from the crater and offers amazing views of Mount St. Helens and much of the 1980 blast zone. Here you can enjoy spectacular views of the lava dome, crater, pumice plain and the landslide deposit.

At the center, learn about the eruptions and rocks that formed Mount St. Helens and watch videos of scientists explaining amazing events and crater features. As well, discover the wonder of amazing change as you view scientists' photos and their stories of three decades of returning life.

A wide-screen theater presentation and interpretive displays depict the sequence of geologic events that changed the landscape. The video is a "must see". Be sure to stay for the curtain finale!

Please keep in mind that volcano viewing is highly dependent on the weather. However, if visibility does not allow a view of Mount St. Helens itself, spending time in the blast zone and visiting the centers is still an experience of a lifetime.

From here, we make our way to Olympia, a 2-hour drive and arriving at approximately 5:00pm.

Welcome to Olympia, Washington, the iconic state capital. While small in comparison to other cities, Olympia has a rich history, vibrant culture and a beautiful setting on the Puget Sound.

Accommodations for this evening are at the DoubleTree by Hilton Olympia, in a perfect downtown location, walk to shops and restaurants. This waterfront hotel offers a unique stay, across the street from Puget Sounds' Budd Inlet.

After check-in, the remainder of the afternoon and evening is free.

Accommodations: DoubleTree by Hilton-Olympia  **Free**

Day 4 – September 12th, 2019 Thursday – Olympia-Leavenworth-Seattle (B)

Enjoy a buffet breakfast at our hotel, open from 6:30am.

After breakfast, please meet your Panda Travel escort in the lobby by 7:45am as we are off on a full day of touring.

Our morning begins with a drive to Snoqualmie Falls, one of Washington state's most popular scenic attractions. The drive time is approximately 1.5 hours.

More than 1.5 million visitors come to the Falls every year. At the falls, you will find a two-acre park, gift shop, observation deck, the Salish Lodge and the famous 270-foot waterfall. The Falls were featured in the popular television show, "Twin Peaks"

Several thousand years ago, when the glaciers receded, they left a fertile plain near Snoqualmie Falls. When Native Americans arrived, they found a bounty of edible bulbs, roots and berries on the prairie. Deer and mountain goats were plentiful.

Though there were no salmon above the falls, the upper Snoqualmie River became a seasonal rendezvous and meeting place as trade among native peoples increased.

Snoqualmie is the English pronunciation of "sah-KOH-koh" or "Sdob-dwahibbluh," a Salish word meaning moon. As a spiritual place, it gave birth to many legends. One tells of "S'Beow" (the beaver), who climbed into the sky to bring trees and fire down to earth. The Native Americans who roamed the valley were known as people of the moon. It is a sacred place for Native Americans culture and spirituality.

Snoqualmie Falls is one of the United States most stunning waterfalls. The crashing falls is a sight to behold — and a major source of naturally generated hydro-electric power for the region. You can view the falls from a convenient park area with a platform giving 180-degree views of the waterfall.

From here we are off to the city of Leavenworth, "The Bavarian Village", in Washington State's Cascade Mountains. Alpine-style buildings with restaurants serving German beer and food line Front Street. The Nutcracker Museum displays thousands of nutcrackers, some dating back centuries. On the Wenatchee River, Waterfront Park is a habitat for ospreys and eagles.

This town of approximately 2,000 year-round residents hasn't always been full of bratwurst and steins. It was once a thriving logging village, but when the railroad re-routed their track, the town quickly started to die. To revive the community and bring tourism to the area, leaders of the town realized the unique mountain setting was very similar to Bavarian Germany, and thus change started to happen.

The architecture, building signs and street names began to change to mimic German style. To draw more visitors, the town began hosting a variety of festivals and today hosts up to 2 million visitors each year.

Enjoy free time to explore and have lunch on your own.

We are now making our way to Seattle, but along the way a stop at Deception Falls, a perfect stop to get out, stretch your legs and enjoy a bit of nature's beauty. Though this trail is less than a mile long and lacks mountain views, it remains an interesting and beautiful stop that changes extensively throughout the year.

The abrupt, 90-degree turn that Deception Creek makes before it meets the Tye River remains impressive year-round, however. Marvel at the power of the water crashing while you take a few minutes at the landing spot that is situated right above the river.

Off to Seattle! One quick photo stop at the Fremont Troll, a big, fearsome, car-crushing bruiser who took up residence under the north end of the Aurora bridge on Halloween 1990. He was sculpted by house builder Steve Badanes who had never made a statue before. Along with 3 others, they designed this head-and-shoulders sculpture which won a contest sponsored by the Fremont Arts Council.

The shaggy troll, 18 feet tall, glares southward with his shiny metal eye -- a Volkswagen Beetle hubcap. In his left hand he crushes the rest of the old-style Beetle, which originally contained a time capsule of Elvis memorabilia; it was removed after the car was vandalized and the California license plate was stolen (The crushed car and out-of-state plate were meant to protest "outsider" development). There are plenty of places to pose, and interaction with the troll is encouraged if you're respectful.

The community pays tribute to the troll every October 31st with a mobile "Troll-o-ween" party, starting under the bridge and wandering to other funky art sites and events in Fremont.

Now, off to our Seattle hale, Motif Seattle with an arrival of approximately 6:30pm.

The remainder of the evening is free.



Accommodations: Motif Seattle **Free**

Day 5 – September 13th, 2019 Friday – Seattle

Enjoy a complete free day, but don't forget we are off to Safeco Field later this afternoon as the Seattle Mariners battle the Chicago White Sox. The start time is currently scheduled for 7:10pm and we have secured a private venue at the Hit it Here Terrace complete with food and drinks. This spot is in right field with a great view of the entire field along with comfortable seating for all to enjoy.

Our menu includes:

- Build-Your-Own Burger & Hot Dog Bar
 - Caesar Salad
 - Baked Potato Salad
 - House-Made Kettle Chips and French Onion Dip
 - Fresh Baked Cookies & Brownies
 - Peanuts & Popcorn
- Two (2) 12 oz. drinks per person (Draft Beer & Assorted Pepsi Products)

As the date nears, we will advise of the meeting time at the hotel for the bus transfer to and from Safco Field.

Accommodations: Motif Seattle  **Free**

Day 6 – September 14th, 2019 Football Saturday – Seattle (L)

The game time is still TBA. Once it is set, we will advise the departure time to Husky Stadium for the UH tailgate party and game.

Accommodations: Motif Seattle  **Free**

Day 7 – September 15th, 2019 Sunday – Seattle

A complete free day to enjoy all that Seattle has to offer!

For hard core sports fans, there just might be a Seattle Seahawks game to venture out to. While it is not possible to secure a group block, you can most definitely purchase individual tickets on your own. Public transportation by bus and the Link Light Rail is readily available.

Accommodations: Motif Seattle  **Free**

Day 8 – September 16th, 2019 Monday – Seattle-Honolulu

Please meet your Panda escort in the lobby by 4:45am so that we can depart promptly at 5:00am for the airport.

Alaska Airlines #145 Departs Seattle 8:20am – Arrive Honolulu 11:40 am